

The Glasgow Herald says: "The observance of a Scotch Sabbath has been a frequent subject of sore reference to by our southern brethren; but it has been the experience of one well-known Englishman to go considerably farther, and find much worse in a similar way. Mr. Moncreux Conway, safely returned from his journey round the world, declares that one of the things which impressed him most painfully during the whole course of the same, was the Sabbatharianism of the Sandwich Islands. Anything more miserable, he says, than Honolulu on the Sabbath could hardly be imagined. These islands, usually so bright and gay, seemed to be under the influence of a weird enchantment. The windows were shut, no life was heard in the streets; a sombre gloom filled the air; the atmosphere was sultry in the extreme, but no ice could be procured for love or money. 'A Sabbath, like a great false god, was enthroned in the midst, and woe be to those who did not bow down to it in worship.'"

We noticed the other day in the *Daily Hawaiian*, an item about the Library Fair, in which it was intimated that all the pretty girls in town were engaged to serve at the ice cream tables. Our daily contemporary is young, and does not probably realize how well provided Honolulu is in the matter of pretty girls. It must not be supposed that our supply of charming young ladies is limited to the dozen who will be occupied in serving out ice cream. When our genial California friend visits the fair, and goes around among its various departments—the flower stand, the candy table, the post-office, and so on, to say nothing of the fancy goods tables, his eyes will be opened, and he will have the pleasure of being waited on by a bevy of young ladies of which no town of this size anywhere need be ashamed.

The *Anglican Church Chronicle* for May is unusually interesting. The "Afterthoughts of a Pastor" are vividly pictured in the first article, while the news concerning "The Church" is very full. The *A. C. Chronicle* always extends a kindly welcome to literary productions, and in noticing the *Daily Hawaiian*, after congratulating the editor, remarks: "There is nothing so despicable as a newspaper which indulges in vile personal abuse merely because of differences in political opinions," a sentiment that will be endorsed by all right-minded persons.

Bitter complaints are made about long stretches of the Palama road being covered with rough rock, and left for days almost impassable for vehicles before the roller is put over them. This has been repeated towards the end of each week lately, so that on Sundays this road is a terror to the owners of horses and vehicles, and exceedingly uncomfortable for passengers.

The *Friend* contains No. 5 of "Rambles in China," from the pen of Mr. F. W. Damon. The Chinese New Year is the principal topic and its celebration in China is very fully described. The gentleman who temporarily fills the editorial chair of the *Friend* is to be congratulated on the interesting matter contained in the May issue.

In our report of the barratry case, last week it was stated that in His Honor's opinion "there was no question at all but that it was the intention of Capt. Cook to take the vessel to Kauai." This was a reporter's error that we hasten to correct, as Judge Bickerton's convictions were directly the reverse.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTEL—May 2nd, J. S. Noble, Mahukona, Hawaii. May 3rd, A. Barnes, P. N. Macfee, Maui; L. J. Scott, Milpitas; L. J. Lionarons, Kauai; M. T. Holmes, Honolulu.

Frank Metcalf was placed under arrest last Sunday and is at the present time confined in the station house but so far no specific charge has been preferred against him. He is missed at the reporters' table in the Legislative Assembly.

The final summary of the proceedings in the Supreme Court during the April Term is presented to-day. We take this opportunity to thank the Clerk of the Court for the many courtesies extended to our reporter during the term.

His Honor Mr. Justice McCully proceeded to Hilo Thursday in the S.S. Kinau, and will preside at the Circuit Court to be held there. Several eminent members of the Bar also go up to windward.

Members of the British Benevolent Society are reminded that the annual subscriptions are now due, and the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn is at all times willing to receive the same.

Ninety-five cents per Hawaiian dollar were offered for fifteen hundred such prior to the Alameda leaving San Francisco. This price can always be obtained at the house of Messrs. Jno. D. Spreckels & Bros.

The schooner Rosario, carrying a full cargo of sugar, was towed out of Kahului harbor on 2nd inst. last by the steamer Kilauea, bound to San Francisco.

The Legislative Assembly will meet at 1 p.m. to-day, and will continue to meet at that hour daily for the ensuing two weeks.

The Postmaster-General has limited the amount of Foreign Post office Money Orders to \$25 in the place of \$50 as formerly.

Cook and his associates being unable to find bail of \$5,000 each will be held over for trial until the July term.

The Chief Justice, in his report to the Legislative Assembly, makes the following remarks on the subject of drunkenness:

"The statistics show a total number of prosecutions for drunkenness of 3,010, with convictions in 2,805 cases. For the years 1880 and 1881 there were 1,390 cases prosecuted, and 1,742 convictions obtained, showing an increase in the number of prosecutions of 1,110, and of convictions, 1,063. Of these 3,010 cases, the Police Court of Honolulu, in which district alone liquor is legally retailed, tried 1,829. The remaining 1,181 cases were heard in Courts for districts where liquor is not allowed to be retailed. This fact, as well as the fact that there were in the last two years 219 prosecutions for selling liquor without license, as against 173 for the previous period, shows that the Liquor Law for 1882 is not as effective in preventing the illicit traffic in liquor as its friends hoped.

This great increase in drunkenness, resulting from this law which took off the restrictions from the sale of intoxicating liquors to the native Hawaiian is alarming to every friend of this race. This law went into effect October 1st, 1882, and expires by limitation on the first of next January. As some legislation on this subject is therefore necessary, I suggest that there might be further restrictive measures enacted which would tend to lessen the evils arising from intemperance. There certainly should be a law forbidding the sale of liquors to minors. It has been thought by many that the hours of sale to the public should be further curtailed. Many are of the opinion that the retailers should not be allowed to sell by the bottle, and thus much of the drunkenness at home and consequent crimes of violence be prevented.

The complaints for assaults, assaults and batteries, affrays, and all offences of this character throughout the kingdom were 1801 as against 1527 for the previous period. This increase of 274 cases is undoubtedly traceable to the increased facilities among the people for obtaining intoxicating liquors."

Probably in no other town in the universe are there so many carriages for public and private use as in Honolulu, compared with the amount of population. As a natural consequence, there is a large and constant demand for good harness. In order to meet this demand, our enterprising townsman, Mr. M. McInerney, has lately imported several sets of harness in great variety, both as regards quality and price. Single sets of good substantial harness can now be had for \$25 and upwards, while double sets can be furnished at correspondingly cheap rates. These goods are of Boston manufacture, and as they are a consignment to Mr. McInerney, he is selling them at Boston prices, with a small commission added thereto. Owners of buggies, expresses, omnibuses and vehicles of all descriptions would do well to inspect this lot of imported harness.

The *Friend* acknowledges its indebtedness to the Hon. R. A. Macfie, Dreghorn Castle, Colinton, Edinburgh, for various pamphlets and periodicals giving accounts of the many missionary operations which the Christian people of Great Britain are now prosecuting all over the world. Mr. Macfie has from the very first been a most disinterested and liberal supporter of Christian missions; and his benefactions are not confined to any one organization, nor to any particular portion of the wide field of missionary labors.

The Library Fair will be opened at 3 o'clock p.m. to-day (Thursday) 8th of May in the upper floor of the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Hotel street; the entrance fee on that day will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. But season tickets at the reduced of \$1.50 are now for sale by Mr. A. L. Smith, 83 Fort street, J. E. Wiseman, and J. M. Oat, Jr., & Co., Merchant street, T. G. Thrum and Lyman & Co., Fort street. Tickets for the Hall will be sold at the fair.

The Rev. Moses Kuaka died on Monday last. The deceased was for many years pastor of Kaunakapili Church. The funeral took place Tuesday from his late residence, Waikahulu, and from thence to Kaunakapili Church, and from the Church to the Meeting House at Maemae, Nuanu Valley. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Lowell Smith, former pastor of Kaunakapili Church. The deceased leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

Another convict escaped from the prison gang Tuesday. This is becoming so common of late that it is hardly regarded as a matter of surprise. The freed man in this case was Russell Germain of Keystone saloon notoriety. He was re-captured same night between nine and ten o'clock on board the Eureka. Frank May was the *hunc* in charge of the gang at the time of his escape.

The bark Caibarien and brig W. G. Irwin arrived off port Tuesday evening from San Francisco. The latter reports having made the passage in twelve days.

The business at the Police Court was light Tuesday. One drunk and one assault and battery. Ten dollars were forfeited for the first named offence, and the latter not being proven, the defendant was discharged.

The brig "Morning Star" and the schooner Kalua are both overdue from the South Sea Islands.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

Investigation held on the 4th of May, 1884, on the body of Maala Burns (deceased) by Deputy-Marshal Dayton, as Coroner, and a jury of six persons, as follows: Frank Jerome, Charles Bent, S. Kuula, Edwin Hall, Henry Hala, and Thomas Poole.

The jury were sworn by the Coroner at 11:45 A.M. in the presence of the body of the deceased. Adjourned to the Police Court at 1:30 P.M.

Frank Metcalf, sworn, stated: Maala Burns, deceased, was aunt to his wife. She was at his house on Friday. She complained of pain. Was not very sick when she arrived. At 8:30 A.M. found Dick and his wife sitting on the verandah. They afterwards went away. Witness went inside. Albert Smith came. Went with him to his room, and afterwards returned to the room where deceased was. She said she had much pain. Said I had a medicine that relieved pain and caused sleep. She desired some. Did not give it to her. Went out, and when I came back she asked for it again. Poured a little in a tumbler and gave it to her. She talked for some time, and said she felt good. Went to sleep. Next morning she got up and wanted more of the medicine. Did not give her any, but went off to my work. When witness returned in the afternoon, one of his daughters said, "Granny is very low." Looked at her, and then went for Dr. Emerson. Doctor told witness to boil water and make strong coffee. Doctor fixed some medicine and coffee and gave it to her. Dr. Trousseau came. Deceased died immediately after the doctors had gone. Reported the matter to Deputy-Marshal Dayton.

By the Coroner: Got the medicine from Albert Smith a month ago. Knew that they called it laudanum. That is what Albert told me. (Bottle produced in Court). Gave it to my aunt because I thought it would relieve her pain.

By the Attorney-General: Did not measure what I gave her. Gave it to her in a tumbler. Did not count the drops. Albert Smith gave me the bottle to relieve my pain from opium eating. He used to give me doses before. Gave deceased the medicine at 9 A.M. on Friday. Bottle was left on the table when I went to work. I gave my wife about the same quantity as I gave deceased.

By Mr. Dayton: May have had six or more bottles from Albert Smith.

By a juror: Told Albert Smith I was using opium. He advised me to stop it. Told him I could not. He said he could give me something to help me.

By Attorney-General: None of the bottles that had laudanum, given to me by Albert Smith, had marks on them.

Dr. Emerson testified to his visiting the deceased on Saturday afternoon, when Metcalf told him he had given her opium the night before. Found her low, and extremities cold. Tried to restore life. The woman died a little after 1 o'clock. Found the organs healthy.

Dr. Trousseau gave his testimony regarding what had happened after his arrival. Considered that deceased died from overdose of laudanum. Considered the dose marked by Metcalf sufficient to cause death in a person unaccustomed to the use of opium. A teaspoonful might cause death in such a person.

Albert Smith, sworn, stated: Knew Metcalf. Could not identify the bottle. Have given him laudanum. Gave him the last bottle about three months ago to counteract the effect of opium. Occasionally gave him opiates. Never left any such bottle with him. All my bottles were marked. Benson, Smith & Co., or Hollister & Co. All I gave him he took in my presence. Marked the tumbler for him to take some stuff that I gave him—tincture of sassafras, chloride of iron is what I gave him. Never gave him laudanum in any quantity in his possession. (Related hearing of the woman's death).

After hearing further testimony from those who were near the deceased just before her death, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Maala Burns died from the effects of an overdose of laudanum, administered to her in ignorance by Frank Metcalf.

## SUPREME COURT—APRIL TERM.

## Chief Justice Judd on the Bench.

Thursday, May 1, 1884.

Rex vs. Ah Hong, Perjury. Mr. W. R. Castle for defendant. Continued for the term on affidavit of defendant's counsel.

Christian Gertz vs. Anna M. Gertz, Divorce. Mr. E. Preston for plaintiff, Mr. C. W. Ashford for defendant. Case partially heard and continued.

At noon the Court took a recess, and on re-assembling the Court sat in Banco.

In re water rights of Paalaa, Waialua, Oahu. Appeal from Water Commissioners of Waialua, Oahu. Mr. A. S. Hartwell and Mr. B. F. Bickerton for petitioners, respondents, J. Amara and S. K. Mahoe for themselves and other appellants. After hearing arguments the Court ordered the decision of the Commissioners be vacated.

In re boundaries of Paakea, appeal from Boundary Commissioners of Kona, Oahu.

Mr. F. M. Hatch for petitioners, Appellants. Mr. Austin Whiting, Deputy-Attorney General for contestants.

The appeal was argued partially and further hearing postponed until Monday 5th instant.

Court adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Friday, May 2, 1884.

Rex vs. Cha Tio, Larceny. Appeal from Police Justice of Honolulu. A nolle prosequi entered by the Deputy Attorney-General Christian Gertz vs. Anna M. Gertz, Divorce. This case occupied the whole day and was continued.

Court adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Saturday, May 3, 1884.

In the case of Gertz vs. Gertz, owing to the illness of Mr. Preston, it was stipulated by both parties that the case be submitted on the evidence already taken. The Court refused to grant the divorce on the ground that plaintiff had failed to make the proofs required by the statute.

Kelikanakaole vs. C. L. Hopkins, Assumpsit. Mr. Hartwell for plaintiff. Mr. Castle for defendant.

Stipulated to be heard in vacation as of the term.

Emma Kaleleonalani et al vs. Commissioners of Crown Lands. Ejectment. Messrs. Hartwell, Castle and Hatch for plaintiffs. The Attorney-General for defendants.

Stipulated to be heard in vacation as of the term.

Mokuhia vs. W. McCandless, Assumpsit. Appeal from Intermediary Court. Mr. Kaulakou for plaintiff, appellant.

Mr. Hatch for defendant, respondent. Continued for the term by consent of counsel.

A. McBryde vs. Jacob Kala, Tax collector, Assumpsit. Mr. W. R. Austin for plaintiff. The Attorney-General for defendant. Stipulated to be heard in vacation as of the term.

Tong Man vs. Keolai et al, Damages. Appeal from Police Justice of Hilo. No appearance for either party. The Court ordered the case continued for the term.

Jose Aruda vs. J. Kama, Appeal from Intermediary Court. Mr. F. M. Hatch for plaintiff, respondent. Mr. Kaulakou for defendant, appellant. Continued for the term by consent of counsel.

## DIVORCE CASES.

Knailehu (w) vs. Kamakauela (k), Divorce.

Mr. W. R. Castle for plaintiff. Mr. J. M. Poepeoe for defendant. Divorce refused for failure of proofs required by statute.

Hana (w) vs. Mehekulu (k), Messrs. S. B. Dole and Holokahiki for plaintiff. No appearance for defendant. The Court dismissed the petition, it being *res adjudicata*.

At 2:40 P. M. the Court adjourned *sine die*.

## THINGS IN GENERAL.

I observe that so far nothing of a very important nature has yet been brought before the Legislative Assembly. A little sparring between the Hawaiian members that are supposed to represent the National party and the Opposition party is all that has been done so far, while the more patient Anglo-Saxon representatives are amassing their whole strength in order to be prepared for the battle when it is publicly declared.

It is an open question which side is strengthened by the recent appointments to the Nobility, as the modesty of the gentlemen on whom the honors were conferred, has so far precluded them from signifying on which side they will take their stand.

Though there was a close vote for the Presidency of the Assembly, the result was favorably received, but it would appear to an outside observer that the Honorable gentleman on whom the distinguished honor fell has not, in the appointment of the several committees, displayed that spirit of "strict impartiality" of which he himself boasts, and for which he was renowned in past years. All that the public desire is that the committees will make thorough and searching investigations in all matters that come under their notice and not raise quibbles and cause unnecessary delays in the work allotted to them, on account of any personal feeling they may have towards those whose public actions they are called upon to scrutinize.

From your reports of the proceedings I learn that the first gentleman on his feet every morning is the member from Makawao. The petitions that he has at his disposal would appear to be inexhaustible, but judging from the nature of some of them he would save time and it would redound to the credit of his constituents were he to use some ordinary discretion regarding what he presents to the Assembly.

With May Day there was some new blood infused into the Fourth Estate. The long talked of *Daily Hawaiian* launched forth for public perusal and criticism. The first issue was a very big paper, in fact, as a friend remarked to me, too big to last long. The editor made a humble and modest bow in an ably written article, and it now only remains for him to fulfil those hundred and one things that are so easily promised. The first of May, 1884, was a very opportune time to start a newspaper in this city, as the Legislature alone ought to provide subject matter sufficient to meet the public wants. After Parliament is prorogued it behooves editors and their assistants to bestir themselves in order to present a readable paper every day of the week.

Your elder, but smaller contemporary also displays a marked change. The gentleman who filled the editorial chair for eight or nine months, resigned just when he had an opportunity to display his ability as a journalist. His successor or successors seem determined to keep up the reputation of the paper already established of objecting to everything Governmental on principle. It was, however, somewhat of a surprise to see the Judges, or more properly speaking, the Judges' gowns ridiculed at the outset. Probably the funny writer of the *Bulletin* does not aspire to the Bench, but prefers to remain at the "Bar."

The subject of newspapers recalls to my mind the resolution that was negatived last week to supply the Assembly with newspapers. The remarks which were elicited during the discussion of the resolution, do not reflect creditably to those who opposed the measure, and are very unbecoming on the part of legislators. It is true that it is not necessary that the House should take all or any of the papers mentioned, but that does not justify the Honorable member for Kaunapali in stigmatizing them as "rubbish," nor did the Honorable member for Honolulu add to his good name in stating that the House was liberal enough to allow reporters a place in the Assembly. Would he like the proceedings to be conducted with closed doors? This is not following in the steps of the older countries whose Constitutionality they profess to emulate.

The Government having acquired that centrally situated property on Merchant Street, known as "Honolulu Hale," I hope they will proceed at an early date to carry out the suggestions made in my last communication in April concerning the Post Office. I feel assured that the Postmaster-General is in accord with my ideas on this all-important matter.

When the rumor spread around town about two weeks ago that Capt. Cook and three others had run away with a schooner, it was the universal wish on the beach that the robbers would be arrested. And so it happened. The fates were against them. The superiority of steam over sail brought the fugitives to justice. A full investigation resulted in the quartette being committed for trial, notwithstanding the able argument of counsel for the defence. Bail was fixed at \$5,000 each. This seems excessive where the property alleged to have been stolen was worth less than \$1,000. The consequence is Cook, Hanlon, Swan and Boylan will have to wait two months before they can be tried.

The Chinamen are in high glee at the favor with which Mr. Lilikalanani's opium bill was received. If it ultimately passes, we may expect to see the Honorable Member for Honolulu placed in an independent position for life. A job of this kind that comes to a successful issue is worth more than a gold "Waltham" or a set of diamond studs.

CROWQUILL.

Our new sheriff is quite busy, and seems to be looking after things sharp. On Monday last he succeeded in having two men accused of arson (burning Mr. Sanderman's building) bound over for trial. Within the past few weeks we have had a murder, a suicide, two attempts at suicide, a case of burglary, a case of arson, several thousand street fights, and over a million of drunks, and our judge gets but a very small salary for the work his brain undergoes in finding them all innocent.